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TOP Military Information from PerlebergEVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 3 December 1952 to 7 January 1953DATE OBTAINED 25X1 DATE PREPARED 28 January 1953

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REMARKS

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1. Prior to 7 January 1953, no major changes were discernible in the occupation of the Perleberg military post. No arrivals or departures were observed. The German civilian workers were dismissed effective 15 December. Sedan occurred by a colonel who, allegedly, was senior officer of the post was seen at all the installations of the post. From 3 to 5 December, the soldiers were marched to the Baier-teich restricted area in groups of 40 to 50, for medical examinations.

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2. From 15 December 1952 to 7 January 1953, the following observations were made in the Artillerie Kaserne:

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15 December. At about 9 a.m., four platoons of 30 to 33 men each were seen at basic training with rifles and submachine guns, and 1 officer and 8 soldiers received instruction on 2 x 76.2-mm field guns. About 30 troops practiced mounting and dismounting on T-34 tank . Three groups of 12 soldiers each practiced the emplacing of heavy machine guns. Two officers and 14 troops were laying light field cables. Three officers and two groups of 35 EM each, and 1 officer and 34 EM were assembled around two sand tables in the barracks yard.

At about 1 p.m., two details of 30 to 40 soldiers each, and each detail equipped with 5 light machine guns, 2 commander's telescopes, rifles and submachine guns; and three details of 30 to 40 soldiers each, with each detail equipped with 2 heavy machine guns, rifles and submachine guns; and a detail with a mortar heavier than a 100-mm mortar entered the installation.

16 December. At 9 p.m., 16 details, each of about 30 to 40 soldiers, armed with small arms left toward Wittenberge, apparently for a night march.

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18 December. At about 2 p.m., T-34 tanks and T-34/85 tanks left the installation for driving practice.

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20 December. At about 9 a.m., three groups, each consisting of 35 soldiers practiced on 3 x 76.2-mm field guns and 6 heavy machine guns in the barracks yard. Five groups were seen at drill, partly with rifles, and two groups were at the sand table.

21 December. At 10:30 a.m., a detail of 27 soldiers with 3 light machine guns, rifles and submachine guns; 2 details, each consisting of 32 soldiers,

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equipped with 2 heavy machine guns, 2 commander's telescopes, submachine guns and rifles; 3 details of 29 soldiers each, including 4 EM carrying cables and telephone sets, and the others equipped with submachine guns and rifles, left the installation toward Quitzow-Buchholz.

25X1 At about 11 a.m., they were followed by T-34 tanks [] and T-34/38
25X1 tanks [] truck [] occupied by 8 troops wearing
25X1 red-bordered black epauletts and towing a 76.2-mm field gun; and truck
25X1 [] occupied by 20 troops wearing red-bordered black epauletts.

7 January. At 8 a.m., 1 officer and 15 soldiers practiced mounting and relieving the guard in the barracks yard.

At 1:30 p.m., a detail equipped with 6 light machine guns and commander's telescopes; a detail equipped with 6 light machine guns; a detail equipped with 2 heavy machine guns, and 4 light machine guns; a detail equipped with 2 heavy machine guns and 5 light machine guns; and a detail carrying entrenching tools entered the installation, coming from the direction of the training area. The details had a strength of 30 to 40 each. Trucks

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25X1 [] were seen en route to the installation.

3. On 16 December, 5 details, each equipped with 6 light machine guns rifles and submachine guns; 2 details with a total of 4 heavy machine guns; and 6 details with firing equipment and small arms were seen coming from the training area of the Fliegerhorst Kaserne.

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25X1 [] At about 9 p.m. on 2 January, 5 trucks
each occupied by about 20 to 24 troops, left the Artillerie Kaserne toward Havelberg. About 10 minutes later, they were followed by 8 trucks occupied by 20 to 25 troops each, which came from the direction of the Fliegerhorst Kaserne. They, apparently, left for a night practice.

4. Prior to 29 December, the Artillerie Kaserne appeared to be occupied to capacity. About 95 percent of the windows were lighted at dusk. An interpreter repeatedly mentioned Colonel Barabash (fnu) and Lieutenant Colonel Salmin (fnu). At about 9 a.m. on 19 December, five details of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epauletts with artillery insignia, armed with light mortars, light machine guns, submachine guns and carbines left the installation toward the post training area. They returned at about 3 p.m. From 23 to 24 December, about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epauletts with artillery insignia daily left the installation. They were armed similar to the details mentioned above. At about 11 a.m. on 25 and 26 December, T-34/35 tanks [] left the installation. They returned at about 1 p.m. On 29 December, eight groups totaling about 230 troops left the installation for the post training area at about 10 a.m. and returned at about 3 p.m.

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25X1 [] Comment. Compared with previous reports []
25X1 [] the Artillerie Kaserne and the Fliegerhorst Kaserne appear to be
25X1 occupied as previously. [] An exception is the
25X1 2511th AAA Regt (US) of the 18th Mecz Div [] which, prior to the
25X1 spring of 1951, had been carried in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Perleberg
and, later, was vaguely indicated in Parchim. According to information

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contained in this report, the regiment may be stationed in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne. Lieutenant Colonel Vasilyev who has been known for some months as administrative officer of an artillery unit may belong to this regiment. The other officers mentioned were previously reported by the same source.

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